

CRITICAL SURGICAL OPERATION

Performed on Thomas A. Edison, the Famous Inventor.

New York, Jan. 25.—A critical surgical operation has been performed on Thomas A. Edison at his home near Orange, N. J. Great secrecy was maintained by the family in regard to the affair, and few details could be obtained.

The operation was for a mastoid abscess behind the ear and very close to the brain.

As is generally known, the inventor has been deaf for many years, and the affliction has been growing worse. He has been suffering considerably for about a week, and the matter of an operation was broached several days ago, but there was strong hope that it might be avoided.

It developed, however, that while Mr. Edison was better in many particulars, the growth was not yielding to treatment, and the conclusion was reached that the operation would have to be performed at once. It was begun late last night and was not finished until an early hour this morning, having occupied more than two hours.

Mr. Edison, who is 57 years old, remained up and about until a few hours before the operation began.

Bought Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and Sent it to Friends.

Mr. F. W. J. Fletcher, a druggist in Victoria, Australia, says: "A customer of mine was so pleased with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which she had used for her children when suffering from colds and croup, that during a fortnight's time she obtained at my shop, nine bottles, which she sent to her friends in different parts of the State, telling them how much good it had done and advised them to give it a trial." For sale by all druggists.

ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE VICTIM.

Officer Tries to Catch Big Machine and is Seriously Injured.

New York, Jan. 25.—In attempting to capture an automobile party for over-speeding, Bicycle Policeman Ennis, who wears a score of medals for bravery, has been seriously injured. He was deliberately run down by the automobilists.

Ennis sighted four men leaving Central park at One Hundred and Tenth street in a machine running 40 miles an hour. He rode a motor cycle and sent it along in the wake of the automobile. To his yells, the four men scouted in the car shrieked with laughter. Ennis was gaining slowly on the big car, when suddenly it came to a dead halt, and began to back up.

Into it Ennis crashed, head-on. His machine was shattered and Ennis was hurled headlong into the road, unconscious, bleeding from a dozen deep wounds on his head and face. In another instant the big machine was speeding away.

A general police alarm was sent out but the autoists, running at top speed, managed to enter Central park by a round about way and escaped.

Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L. L. D.,

Of Waverley, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first arising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm, which produces a cough, and is very hard to dislodge; but a small quantity of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

Sailor Guilty of Murder.

Honolulu, Jan. 25.—E. Geneau, master at arms on board of the United States gunboat Wheeling, charged with murder in the first degree, for the killing of "Useless" Harris, a negro prize-fighter, last June, has been found guilty of manslaughter in the third degree, the jury adding a recommendation of leniency to their verdict. The greatest possible penalty under the verdict is imprisonment for five years, or a fine of a thousand dollars.

Is Convicted of "Crimping."

Mobile Ala., Jan. 25.—In the United States district court Charles Nelson, who has been on trial for the past two or three days on four charges of "crimping," collecting money from sailors as a fee for shipping them on vessels, was convicted on all four of the charges. The minimum penalty is three years in the penitentiary.

Spoiled Her Beauty

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Believe They Have Slayer.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 25.—The assailant of Miss Belle Blywoodworth, whose body was found in Decatur Saturday night, is believed to be either in Birmingham or the immediate vicinity. He has been traced here by bloodhounds. If the negro is captured he will not be taken back to Decatur, as the feeling is so high there that a lynching, it is thought, would be inevitable. The reward of \$1,500 by the people of north Alabama has been supplemented by a reward of \$500 by Acting Governor Cunningham, of Alabama.

If the Baby is Cutting Teeth

Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

WORSHIPERS OF BAAL.

Queer Ways of an Extraordinary Sect in Turkey.

The Yezidees, the Baal worshipers or devil worshipers of Turkey, are an extraordinary people, and, although forced by the laws of conscription to serve in the Ottoman army, the seizure of one or more of their young men by a Turkish recruiting party is such a distressing spectacle that once witnessed it can never be forgotten.

Wails and yells of despair are raised. Men, women and girls kiss the recruit's eyes, cheeks, mouth and hands. Throwing themselves on the ground, they even embrace his legs and feet.

The conscript appears quite dazed with sorrow. He folds in his arms and caresses over and over again his weeping kindred, whom he will never see again. He kisses the walls and the hearth of the cabin in which he was born, but which he is about to quit forever, and vets them with his tears, but when, accompanied by his Turkish captors, he leaves the village the lamentations of the villagers cease.

Then, and as though nothing had happened, the latter go about their ordinary occupations. Never again is the conscript's name mentioned, and on joining his regiment the young Yezidee becomes a Mussulman. His kindred, believing him accursed, affect to forget him, and were he to approach the village from which he has been forcibly dragged away every Yezidee, even his dearest friends, his father, mother, brothers, sisters and sweetheart, would drive him from their presence with curses and pelt him with stones.

Gooseberries and a Cat.

Not long ago, says Collier's Weekly, officials of the department of agriculture were much amused by a letter sent the department by an occasional correspondent in Virginia.

Among other things the writer hastened to advise the secretary of the department to this effect:

My wife had a Tame cat that dyd. Being a Torture shell and a Grate faverit, we had the same berred in the Gardin, and for the enrichment of the soil I had the Carkis deposited under the roots of a Gooseberry Bush. (The Frute being up to then of the smooth variety.) But the next Season's Frute, after the Cat was berred, the Gooseberrys was all Hairy—and more Remarkable, the Catapillers of the Same Bush was All of said Hairy description.

Pleasant and Most Effective.

T. J. Chambers, Editor Vindicator, Liberty, Texas, writes Dec. 25, 1902: "With pleasure and unsolicited by you, I bear testimony to the curative power of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I have used it in my family and can cheerfully affirm it is the most effective and pleasant remedy for coughs and colds I have ever used." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

MAHOGANY WOOD.

The Way It Came to Be Used in the Making of Furniture.

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The idea of making furniture of mahogany wood appears to have been the result of chance. A certain physician in London had a great many mahogany planks, and, wanting a candle box, he sent for a cabinetmaker and instructed him to use the mahogany for the required article of furniture. The man objected that the wood was too hard for his tools, and the doctor told him to get harder tools. The man did so, and when the doctor saw the box he was amazed at its beauty. Patients and friends talked about it, and at last the Duchess of Buckingham came to see it. She was enraptured and persuaded the doctor to give her wood for a similar box. As a result mahogany got to be the fashion.

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